GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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COMMERCIALISATION OF INNOVATION
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of innovations registered for commercialization during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government proposes to allocate higher funds for research institutes to encourage scientists for new innovations;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to enact a law to protect the interests of scientists and encourage commercialization of innovations, their production and export; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) As such, there is no system for registering innovations for the purpose of commercialization. However, innovations are protected through patents which may or may not result into commercialization. As per the Annual Report of the Indian Patent Office for the year 2004-2005, many patent applications were filed in India.

Filed by Indians	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
	2693	3216	3630
Total applications filed	11466	12613	17466

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposed budget for the Ministry of Science and Technology during 2007-2008 is Rs.4384 crores as against Rs.3240 crores in 2006-2007. At a country-wide level, the national expenditure on R&D by the Central Government, moved from Rs.11050 crores in 2000-2001 to Rs.12072 crores in 2002-2003. The estimated figure for the year 2004-2005 is Rs.14443 crores.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.